

FEDERAL SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Are New Procurement Methods Beneficial to Small Business Contractors?” Testimony was heard from Paul Dennett, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; Jim Williams, Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Services, GSA; Deputy Commanding GEN Ron Johnson, USA, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

SMALL/MINORITY BUSINESS FEDERAL CONTRACTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Doing Business with the Government: The Record and Goals for Small, Minority, and Disadvantaged Businesses. Testimony was heard from Stephen Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Terrie Rouse, Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services, Capital Visitor Center; Michael J. Rigas, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Small Business Utilization, GSA; Roger Mosier, Vice President, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; Albert Sligh, Director, Office of Management, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Era Marshall, Director, Office of Equal Employment and Minority Affairs, Smithsonian Institution; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—INTELLIGENCE BUDGET OVERVIEW

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Intelligence Budget Overview—DNI. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

ECONOMY ADRIFT—ANSWER RENEWABLE ENERGY

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled “Blowing in the Wind: Renewable Energy as the Answer to an Economy Adrift.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**FUTURE OF THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia to examine investing in the future of the federal workforce, focusing on paid parental leave to improve recruitment and retention, after receiving testimony from Daniel P. Beard, Chief Administrative Officer, United States House of Representatives; Nancy H. Kichak, Associate Director for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management; Jane Waldfogel, Columbia University, New York, New York; and Sharyn Tejani, National Partnership for Women and Families, Vicky Lovell, Institute for Women’s Policy Research, Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, Mary Jean Burke, American Federation of Government Employees (AFL–CIO), and Amy S. Costantino, all of Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D207)

S. 2571, to make technical corrections to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. Signed on March 6, 2008. (Public Law 110–193)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on “Executive Compensation II: CEO Pay and the Mortgage Crisis,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the current employment situation of 2008, 9:30 a.m., SD–628.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:00 a.m., Friday, March 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 a.m., Monday, March 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

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